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## Gentlemen

The Department of Energy/Rocky Flats Office (DOE/RFO) has received your letter dated September 16 1993 regarding your response to the Draft Pond Water Management Interim Measure/Interim Remedial Action (IM/IRA) Decision Document schedule DOE/RFO does not agree with issues raised in your letter and two specific points in particular the first imposed milestone of November 22 1993 and deletions of tasks 25 through 34 on the draft IM/IRA schedule

DOE/RFO first agreed to scope the possibility of a pond water management IM/IRA document in the December 21 1992 meeting with your organizations. Since DOE/RFO is not legally bound to execute a pond water management IM/IRA under the Interagency Agreement (IAG) no binding dates for completion of the document are required.

Second DOE/RFO is making considerable effort toward attaining a quality technically defensible IM/IRA document for pond water management. Apart from the legality of a binding date an imposed milestone of November 22 1993 will impact its quality and possibly lengthen the completion of the IM/IRA with a series of major document revisions between our organizations. DOE strongly feels that the revised draft IM/IRA schedule submitted to your organizations on August 17 1993 will ensure the delivery of a high quality product by February 15 1994. If any revisions to this draft IM/IRA schedule is needed they must be agreed upon by DOE/RFO. EPA and CDH representatives assigned responsibility for the IM/IRA pond water management document. Contact Norma I. Castaneda at 966 4226 or Gail Hill at 966 3424. If a meeting or conference call is needed to resolve these issues. DOE/RFO also disagrees with deleting tasks 25 through 34 of the draft schedule concerning internal EG&G management, DOE/RFO and DOE/Headquarters reviews.

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All groups intend to thoroughly review the draft document to ensure consistency with IAG deliverables and legal language the changing mission of the plant and with all applicable regulations DOE/RFO and DOE/HQ will concurrently review the IM/IRA document thoroughly before it is formally released to your organizations

Sincerely

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